

(Capsule)

Thomas Harrod House

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

CLVT 144

CT-144

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Thomas Harrod House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Balls Graveyard Road (Now Ball Road)

CITY, TOWN

MUTUAL

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: (SEE #145)

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

According to the tenant, Mrs. Gantt, black people have always lived in this house and that Grace Brown owned it. The tax assessment office has no deed reference for this property, but a title search of an adjoining parcel (E. Boom's) is informative. Both parcels are "5 1/6 acres" and remain that size since the first decade of this century. Both parcels appear to have been owned by Benjamin E. Dawkins c. 1904. GWD 4/534 shows Dawkins selling "5 1/6 acres" to E. Boom on July 26, 1904. AWR 27/234 mentions that E. Boom's property is adjoining land owned by the heirs of Thomas Harrod, Col. Thomas Chambers, et al. GWD 3/217 shows B. E. Dawkins selling "5 1/6 acres" to Thomas Harrod in 1902. Mrs. Boom states that Harrod's house was built after hers, and hers was built c. 1904. Dawkins acquired the property through the will of Mary T. Parker.

The house has an L-plan consisting of a five-bay wide block with a two story, two-bay wing in the "rear" (North).

The south (front) facade of the main block is a central pediment or cross gable design, although the gable is not as dominant as is seen on many houses in the area. This pediment is smaller and less obtrusive and is decorated with a diamond shape window. The pediment and central entrance lend greatly to the symmetry displayed in the building. The eaves are decorated with dentals.

The exterior is covered with modern red asbestos siding which covers a previous siding of 2" x 8" planks nailed onto the hewn frame with wire nails. This may be replacement siding as well. It is laid in an unusual pattern with the planks flush to each other and butt ended at 45° angles.

The windows are 6/6 sash with panes of wavy glass.

Modern joists were observed under the parlor and hewn joists beneath the present kitchen. This may be an indication of additions.

Mrs. Gantt remembers when there was a full porch on the front (South) facade. She also recalls a root cellar which has been filled in.

The interior is divided by a central hall and is further shaped by the L-plan. The hall contains stairs to the second floor and is flanked on the first floor by a parlor on the west and a kitchen on the east. Adjoining the kitchen on the north is the wing which contains another and larger parlor or living-room downstairs and a bedroom above. There are four bedrooms in all. The entire upstairs is paneled with 3" beaded horizontal siding.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Note:

According to Miss Blanche Wilson of Ben's Creek, this house was built as the residence of Thomas Harrod, the brother of her grandfather Wm Harrod whose house has survived in Ben's Creek. This house should be seen in association with the houses of Ben's Creek.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Calvert County Deed Books AWR 27/234/235
GWD 4/534
GWD 3/217

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5 1/6 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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586-2050

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

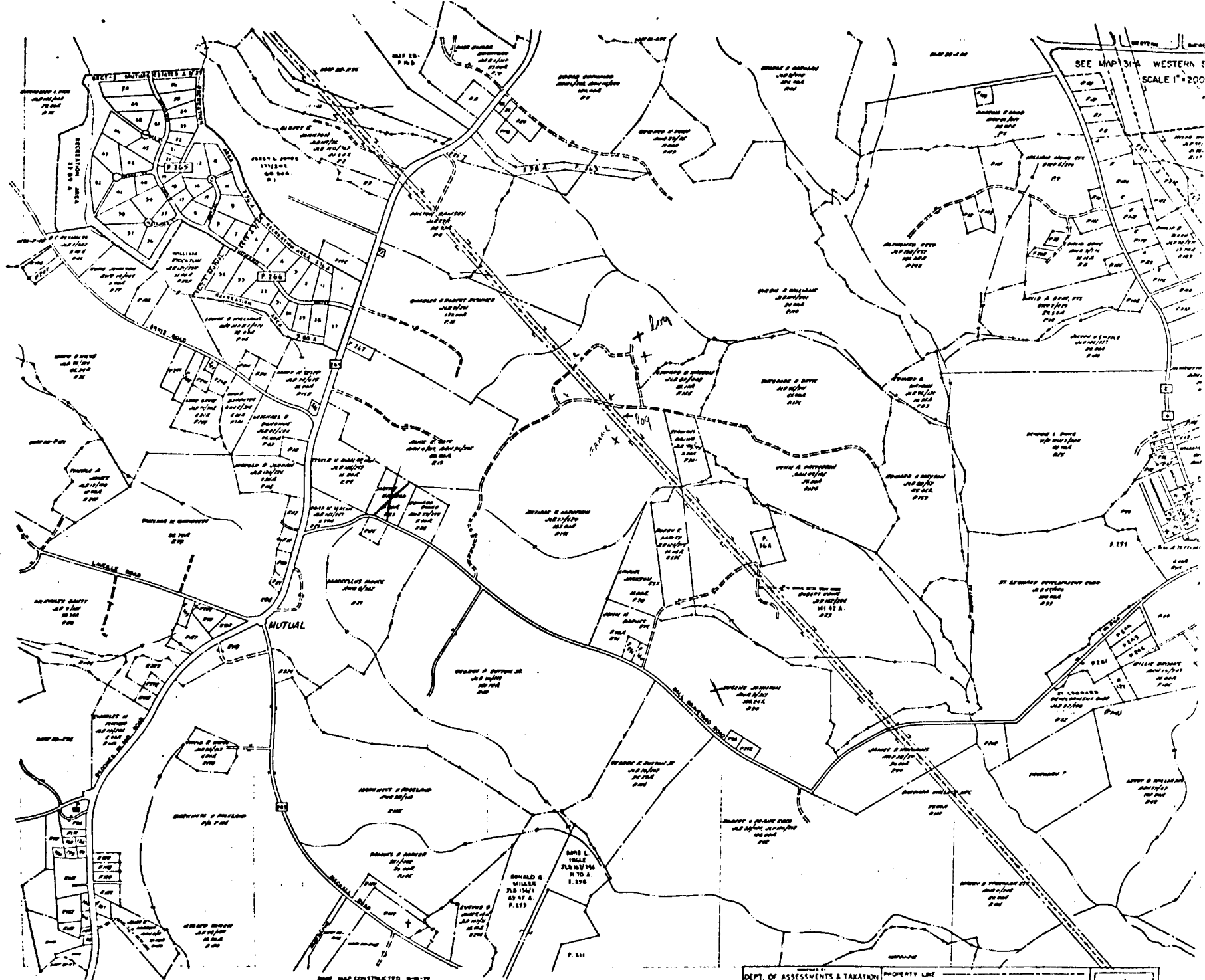
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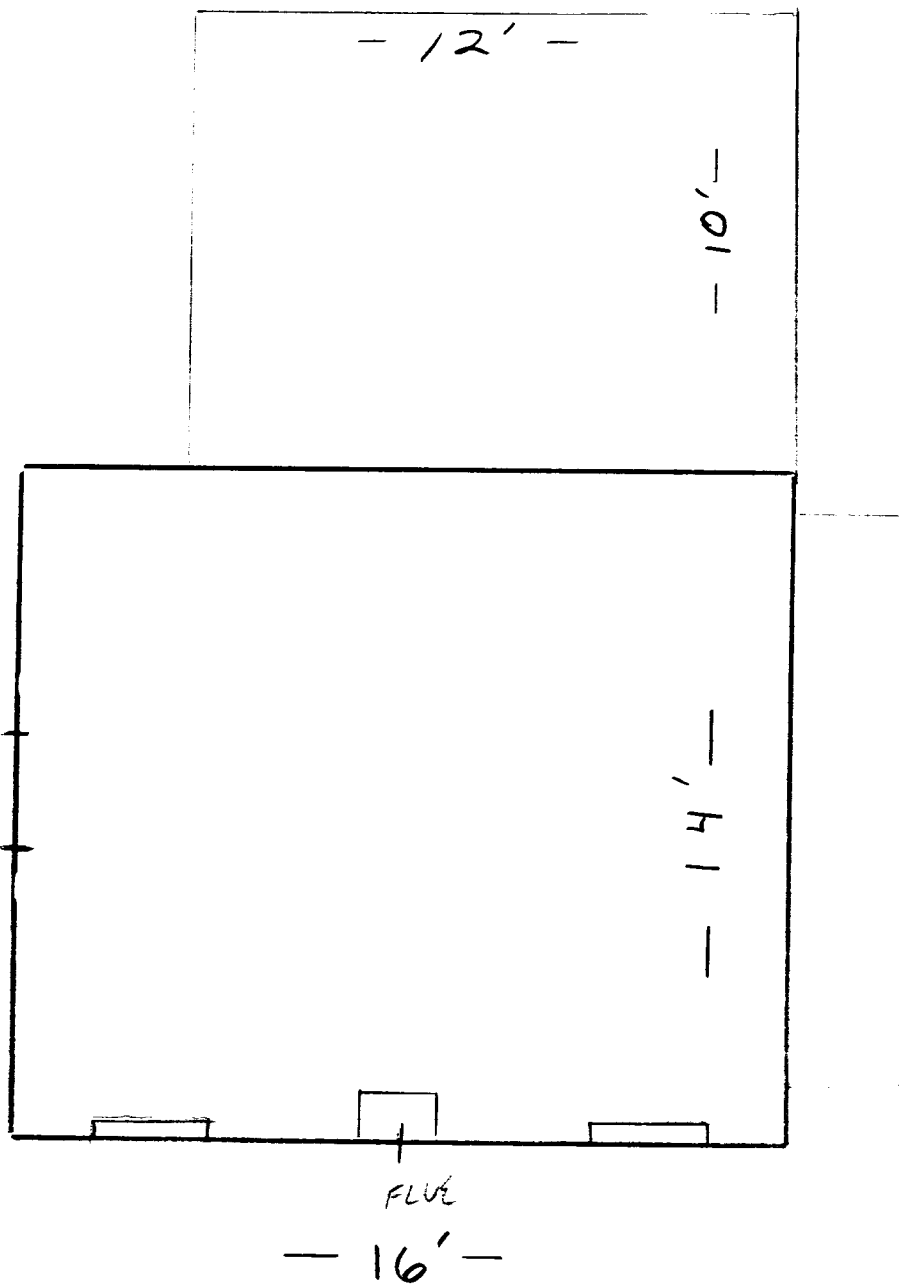
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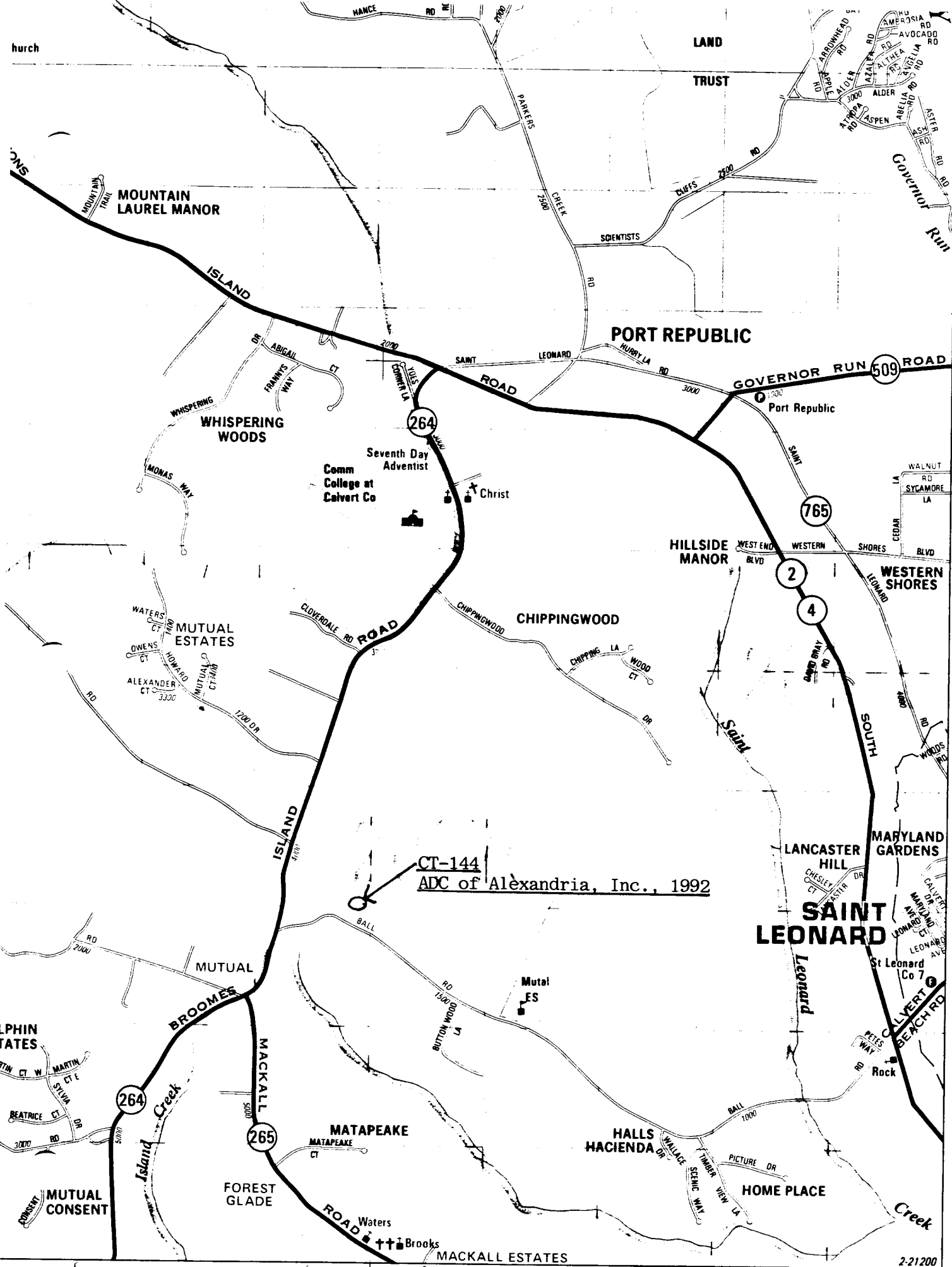
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PROPERTY LINE
SUB-DIVISION BOUNDARY
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PARCEL NUMBER - P 141414
SCALE 1" = 800'
REVISED TO JUNE 15, 1972
17, 1972



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Ed Boom House
- Balls Graveyard rd
12/23/76





Joins Map 15

930,000 FT

76°32' 30"

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MD GRID 940,000 FT

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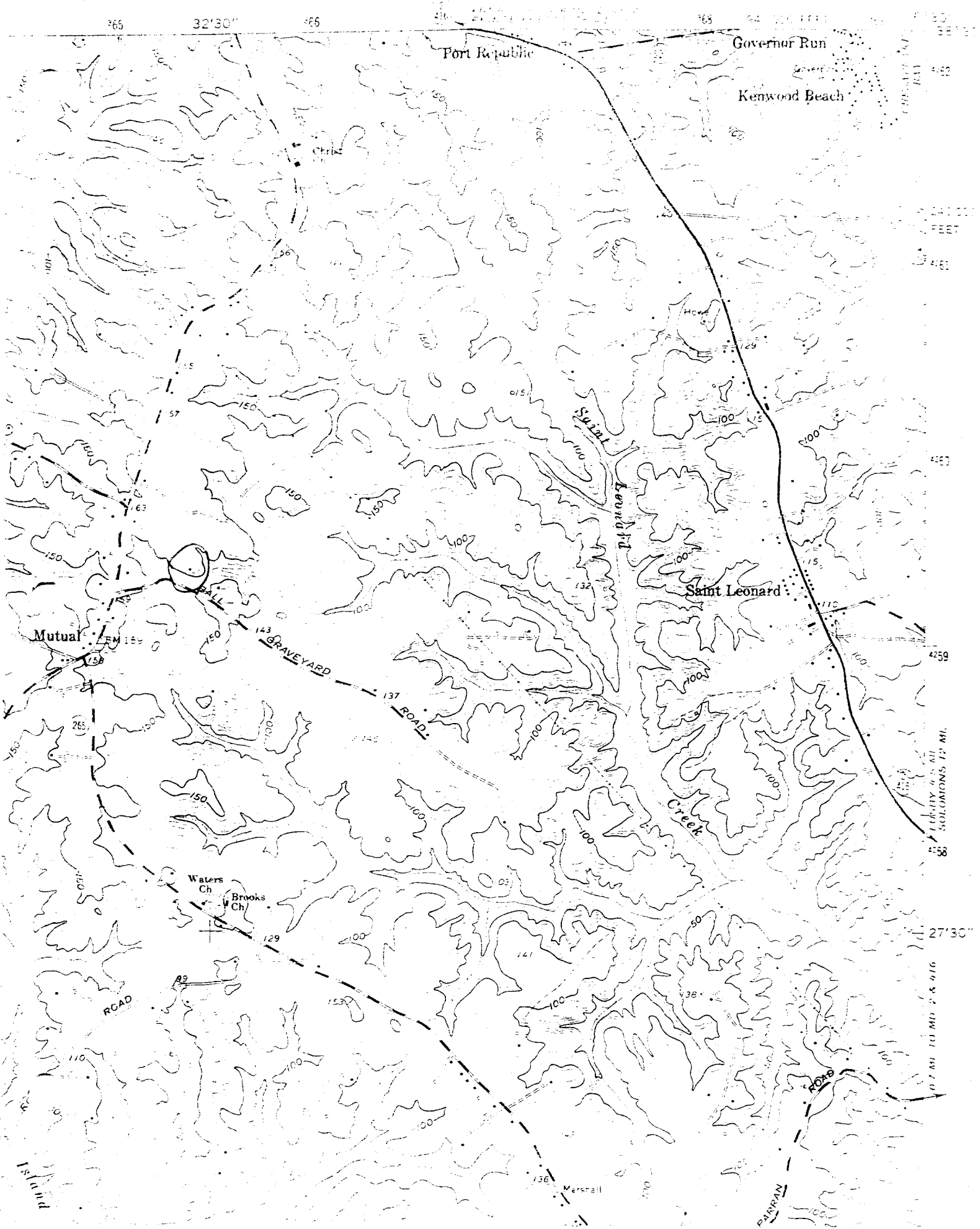
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38°30' 00"

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